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1. UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA (UM) STUDENT PROTESTERS CONTINUED TO BE CONFINED TO CAMPUS DEC 10 WHERE THEY STAGED A "SOLIDARITY MARCH" WHICH SO FAR HAS NOT RESULTED IN CLASHES WITH POLICE. STUDENTS CARRIED ANTI-GOVT BANNERS CRITICIZING OSTENTATIOUS DISPLAY OF WEALTH BY GOVT OFFICIALS IN CONTRAST TO "SUFFER-ING" OF COMMON PEOPLE. RIOT SQUAD TROOPS (FRU) HAVE LARGELY BEEN REPLACED BY POLICE FIELD FORCE (LXN) AT CAMPUSES, A CHANGE WELCOMED BY STUDENTS WHO ALLEGED FRU BRUTALITY DURING PREVIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS. NEIGHBORING NATIONAL UNIV. (KEBANGSAAN)
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AND OTHER CAMPUSES ARE REPORTEDLY QUIET.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF DEC 9, UM LAW STUDENT (A MALAY) NOTED HIGH DEGREE OF SOLIDARITY AMONG STUDENTS, INCLUDING NON-MALAYS WHO BEGAN TO JOIN PROTESTS LATE LAST WEEK. LARGE NUMBER OF FACULTY MEMBERS ARE SAID TO BE IN SYMPATHY WITH STUDENTS SINCE FACULTY ARRESTS REPORTED REFTEL. ACCORDING THIS SOURCE, STUDENTS ARE ALSO LOBBYING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF DETAINED FACULTY AND STUDENTS, POSTPONEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, AND AUTONOMY FOR UNIVERSITY. BY AND LARGE, CLASSES HAVE NOT RESUMED AND PROTESTS SEEM DESTINED TO CONTINUE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS.

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